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Remarks

Favorable consideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Claims 2-5, 7-15, 17-20, 28, 30-33 are currently active in this case and Claims 22-25, 27, 29 and 34 have been cancelled by way of the present amendment. Each claim is supported by the specification and claims as originally submitted and no new matter has been added.

An advisory action received March 8, 2006 indicated that new limitations to Claim 22 would require further search and consideration and therefore would not be entered. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request cancellation of Claim 22, and each claim dependent therefrom. Applicants respectfully request such cancellation be without prejudice and Applicants respectfully reserve the right to file continuation applications on the cancelled claims and related subject matter.

Based on the cancellation of Claim 22 and each claim dependent therefrom, this after final amendment only places the pending claims in proper form for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 2-5, 7-15, 17-20, 28, 30-33 are allowable over the cited art of record and are ready for issue as letters patent.

Consequently, no further issues are believed to be outstanding, and it is respectfully submitted that this case is in condition for allowance. An early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

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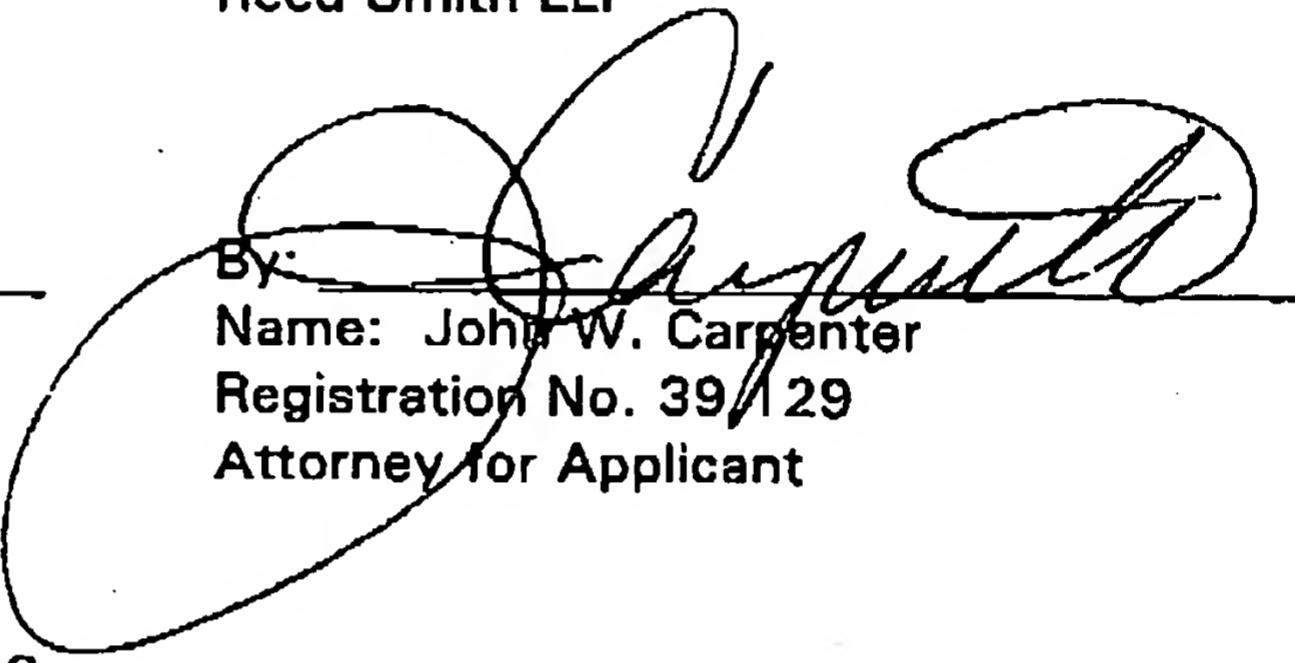
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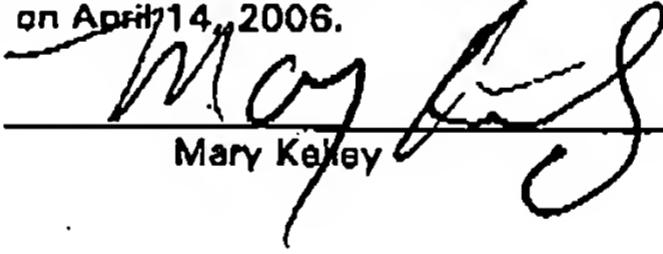
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